

### REMARKS

Independent Claims 1, 9, and 17 have been amended to define still more clearly what Applicant regards as his invention; these changes are supported by the description at page 9, lines 18-26.<sup>1</sup> These claims have been amended to recite that the frame image is recognized by determining the consecutiveness of the positions of pixels which are detected by determining whether or not a pixel of interest and pixels adjacent to the pixel of interest have a same hue and a difference between lightness and saturation having a predetermined value or less.

*Murakami* is not seen to teach recognizing a frame image by determining the consecutiveness of the positions of detected pixels.

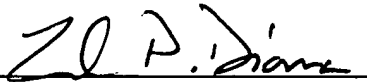
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable further consideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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<sup>1</sup>/It is to be understood, of course, that the claim scope is not limited by the details of the described embodiments, which are referred to only to facilitate explanation.

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